AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

One way to solve the problem would have been to configure one IP-pool per processor for each external network. Two arguments show that this is a bad solution. The number of processors in the system should be highly dynamic, and there should be no need for configuration of the processor before start. This means that each processor could not have its own IP-pool. Also, the load could be unevenly distributed among the processors, with the result that one processor has run out of addresses, while the other processors have many unused addresses left. The address-resources would in this case have a low degree of ~~utilisation~~ utilization.